

# Restore & Beautify Your Property

## Landscaping in Balance With Nature

As Fairfax County develops, trees are lost.

Here and everywhere else, replanting the *right* way can restore beauty to the landscape while also providing a home for beneficial wildlife.



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Major construction projects underway in the region have led to reduced natural vegetation screens. Restore beauty to your landscape by replanting *the natural way*.

## Beauty and Function: The Argument for Native Plants

Native plants - those that grow naturally in this area - are beautiful, easy to care for, and attract beneficial wildlife such as birds and butterflies.

Picking the right native plants provides a beautiful, low-maintenance landscape that also connects your property back to nature. The choices you make now will benefit the earth for years to come.



**Screening:** A native vegetation screen gives you privacy, tranquility and cuts down on traffic noise. Some good choices for effective, native screening include:

### Shrubs:

- Ink Berry Holly - *Ilex Glabra*
- Wax Myrtle - *Morella (or Myrica) cerifera*
- Mountain Laurel - *Kalmia latifolia*
- Rosebay Rhododendron - *Rhododendron maximum*
- High Bush Blueberry - *Vaccinium macrocarpon*

### Trees

- American Holly - *Ilex opaca*
- Eastern Red Cedar - *Juniperus virginiana*
- Sweet Bay Magnolia - *Magnolia virginiana*
- Southern Magnolia - *Magnolia grandiflora*
- Virginia Pine - *Pinus virginiana*
- Arborvitae - *Thuja occidentalis*

**Groundcovers:** Native groundcovers are an aesthetic and low-maintenance alternative to grass. Less lawn means less to mow!



Bergamot



Bluebells

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**Bedding Plants:** Many natives give the color and density you want in a bedding plant

Bellwort



Coreopsis



Bleeding Hearts



Wild Ginger

**Flowers:** Native flowers bloom throughout the year and attract a variety of pollinators

Tiger Swallowtail on Phlox



Humming Bird on Swamp Milkweed



Serviceberry

**Year Round Color:** The berries, bark, and leaves of natives provide a dash of color to the winter landscape and an important source of food to birds

**You're not in this alone!** Many local organizations would like to advise you on your choice of plants and materials to restore your property to aesthetic and natural balance.

For help with *your* yard, see the list of resources on the back of this brochure.

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County, one yard at a time!

# Resources



The Audubon Society of Northern Virginia's Audubon at Home Program sends program ambassadors to help you make your landscaping choices.  
[www.audubonva.org](http://www.audubonva.org)



The National Wildlife Federation's Certified Wildlife Habitat Program will instruct you how you can get the property you want while attracting wildlife.  
[www.nwf.org/In-Your-Backyard.aspx](http://www.nwf.org/In-Your-Backyard.aspx)



Through their Horticulture Help Desk, the Fairfax Master Gardeners' knowledgeable volunteers will answer you horticulture questions and advise you on your landscaping decisions. Reach them by phone at (703) 324-8556 or email [mgfairfax@vt.edu](mailto:mgfairfax@vt.edu).

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